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Spencer Williams, Radio Liberty Aid

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Spencer Williams, 66, chief of press and publications for the Radio Liberty Committee, of 30 E. 42d St., New York, and a former newspaper foreign correspondent, died Friday in Fort Walton Beach Hospital while on leave.

Mr. Williams had held the position with Radio Liberty since 1951 and directed its worldwide press service. He had been instrumental in creating the committee, a partnership of leading refugees from Soviet rule and interested Americans, for the original purpose of sponsoring a private broadcasting service to the Soviet Union.

Early in his newspaper career, Mr. Williams was a reporter and desk man for the Utica Press and Rochester Democrat and Chronicle in New York and the San Diego Union in California. He went to Moscow in 1929

as a special correspondent for Fairchild Publications.

He remained there for the next 10 years as correspondent for several newspapers and wire services, including The Associated Press, International News Service, United Press, Reuters, the Manchester Guardian, the London Daily Herald, the Wall Street Journal and the Columbia Broadcasting System. He then went to Bucharest for CBS and the Manchester Guardian, and returned to this country in 1940 to become a CBS commentator on Soviet and Balkan affairs.

Subsequently, he headed the Pacific area operations of the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service and was a public affairs officer of the U. S. Information Service in Budapest until the organization of Radio Liberty in 1950.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Caroline Williams, and a daughter, Miss Tamara Williams.